

## PREVIEW

### An Hymn to the Evening • To His Excellency, General Washington

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**Summary** In “An Hymn to the Evening,” the speaker sees a higher power in the beauty of the sunset. She hopes that virtue as bright as the sunset and peaceful sleep will cause people to wake up to the next day pure and safe from sin. “To His Excellency, General Washington” praises the revolutionary cause by personifying America as the goddess Columbia. The poem also praises George Washington for his bravery and leadership.

#### Note-taking Guide

Use this diagram to compare and contrast the two poems.

